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SUBJ: CCD 657TH PLENARY MEETING, MARCH 11, 1975

SUMMARY: JAPAN MADE PRINCIPAL STATEMENT AT MARCH 11 PLENARY, CONCENTRATING ON NUCLEAR ISSUES. KEY POINTS MADE BY JAPANESE REP INCLUDED: URGING OF US AND USSR TO INCLUDE LIMITATION ON MISSILE FLIGHT TEST IN FUTURE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON NUCLEAR DISAMENT; CALL ON US AND USSR TO WORK TOWARD CTB ON BASIS OF TTB; VIEW THAT CCD SHOULD START PRELIMINARY WORK ON PNE'S "AUTONOMOUSLY", LOOKING TOWARD EVENTUAL INTERNATIONAL REGIME ALLOWING NNWS TO SHARE PNE BENEFITS WHILE "ELIMINATING" PROLIFERATION DANGER; VIEW THAT NPT REVIEWO CONFERENCE IS PROPER FORUM FOR CONSIDERING MEANS OF STRENGTHENING NNWS SECURITY; CALL ON US AND USSR FOR INFORMATION ON STATUS OF JOINT CW INITIATIVE PER 1974 SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE. INDIAN REP MADE BRIEF REJOINDER TO JAPANESE REP'S STATEMENT THAT PROLIFERATION RISKS HAD INCREASED AS RESULT, INTER ALIA, OF INDIAN TEST. UK REP SET RECONRD STRAIGHT ON STATUS OF UK RATIFICATION OF BWC.  
END SUMMARY.

1. AT THIRD PLENARY OF CCD SPRING 1975 SESSION, JAPANESE REP NISIBORI MADE PRINCIPAL STATMENT. HE CONCENTRATED ON NUCLEAR-RELATED ISSUES. BEGINNING WITH SALT, HE SAID SOME PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE THAT DESERVED APPRECIATION. ALTHOUGH OFFENSIVE DELIVERY VEHICLE CEILINGS COULD BE CRITICIZED AS TOO HIGH, HAVING ANY CEILINGS WAS "FAR PREFERABLE" TO NO LIMITATIONS AT ALL. EXPRESSING HOPE THAT FORMAL AGREEMENT WOULD BE CONCLUDED AT EARLY DATE, NISIBORI "PUT ON RECORD" PRESIDENT FORD'S DEC 2 PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT THAT BLADIVOSTOK  
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CREATED SOLID BASIS FROM WHICH FUTURE ARMS REDUCTIONS CAN BE NEGOTIATED. AT SAME TIME, ACCORDING TO NISIBORI, IT WAS INCUMBENT ON US AND USSR TO RECALL THEIR UNDERTAKING UNDER NPT TO PURSUE NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT MEASURES IN GOOD FAITH AND " TO SHIFT THE EASING OF TENSION ONTO A MORE SOLID BASIS." NISIBORI SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT FURTHER NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROL MEASURES SHOULD INCLUDE LIMITATION ON FLIGHT TESTS OF MISSILES.

2. ON TEST BAN QUESTIONS, NISIBORI SAID ABSENCE OF CTB TWELVE YEARS AFTER CONCLUSION OF LTBT WAS MAIN CAUSE OF LACK OF PUBLIC FAITH IN ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS. HE CALLED ON US AND SOVIETS TO STRIVE WITHOUT DELAY TO ACHIEVE CTB ON BASIS OF TTB, ADDING THAT THEIR AGREEMENT ON COMPREHENSIVE TREATY WOULD IMPROVE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, "EVEN IF SOME COUNTRIES MIGHT REFUSE TO ACCEDE TO SUCH A TREATY." NISIBORI ALSO WELCOMED UK-SOVIET JOINT DECLARATION OF FEB 17 STATING INTENTION TO WORK FOR AGREEMENTS LIMITING UNDERGROUND TESTS TO MINIMUM; THIS, HE SAID, GAVE "GLIMMER OF HOPE" AS STEP TOWARD ULTIMATE CTB GOAL.

3. TURNING TO NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION NISIBORI POINTED TO NEW DANGERS ARISING FROM "MANY NUCLEAR TESTINGS INCLUDING THAT OF INDIA," AS WELL AS INCREASING PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. CITING JAPANESE CO-SPONSORED 1974 UNGA RES, HE SAID IT WAS INTENDED INTER ALIA TO FOCUS ON POSSIBLE DANGER OF PNE'S LEADING TO PROLIFERATION. JAPAN THOUGHT CCD SHOULD "AUTONOMOUSLY" START PRELIMINARY WORK, PURSUANT TO RES, ON ARMS CONTROL IMPLICATIONS OF PNE'S, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD OF COURSE BE NECESSARY TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT RESULTS OF CURRENT IAEA STUDY OF NPT REVCON. NISIBORI EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THIS CONSIDERATION WOULD LEAD TO INTERNATIONAL REGIME ENABLING NNWS TO SHARE BENEFITS DERIVING FROM PNE'S WHILE ELIMINATING PROLIFERATION DANGER.

4. ALSO IN CONNECTION WITH NON-PROLIFERATION, NISIBORI NOTED UNANIMOUS 1974 UNGA ADOPTION OF RES 3261 G CONCERNING STRENGTHENING SECURITY OF NNWS. CONFIDENTIAL

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THIS QUESTION WAS OF "GRAVE CONCERN" TO MANY NNWS AND HAD IMPORTANT BEARING ON NON-PROLIFERATION. NPT REVCON WAS SUITABLE FORUM FOR DISCUSSING IT. FINALLY, NISIBORI DISCUSSED JAPANESE NPT RATIFICATION, NOTING RECENT INITIALING OF SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WITH IAEA AND STATING THAT "AFTER MAKING OTHER NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS" GOJ INTENDED TO TAKE DOMESTIC MEASURES REQUIRED FOR NPT RATIFICATION "AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE".

5. ON CW, NISIBORI RECALLED JAPANESE SUBMISSION OF DRAFT CONVENTION TO CCD LAST APRIL AND "EARNESTLY HOPED" MORE CONCRETE NEGOTIATIONS ON CW WOULD TAKE PLACE IN 1975. HE EXPRESSED REGRET THAT "WE HAVE STILL TO HEAR" ABOUT JOINT US-SOVIET INITIATIVE, HE SAID, HAD EFFECT OF "BACK-PEDALLING" DISCUSSION WHICH HAD JUST

STARTED MOVING FORWARD. STATING DESIRE THAT US AND USSR PRESENT CCD WITH INITIATIVE ON BASIS OF JAPANESE DRAFT CONVENTION AND OTHER COUNTRIES' VIEWS THEREON, HE ADDED "I BELIEVE I DESERVE TO HEAR SOON ABOUT THE PROSPECT OF THE INITIATIVE FROM BOTH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE US AND THE USSR."

6. UPON CONCLUSION OF JAPANESE STATEMENT, INDIAN REP MISHRA INTERVENED IN MODERATELY-TONED ATTEMPT TO REBUT NISIBORI'S REFERENCE TO INDIAN TEST AS AUGMENTING PROLIFERATION DANGER. WHATEVER "SUBJECTIVE CONSIDERATION" LED JAPAN TO BELIEVE INDIA'S PNE ADDED TO PROLIFERATION DANGER, MISHRA SAID, THERE WAS NOT THE SLIGHTEST OBJECTIVE EVIDENCE THIS WAS CASE. HE OBJECTED ESPECIALLY TO JAPANESE EQUATING INDIA'S "PNE" WITH WEAPONS TESTS CARRIED OUT BY OTHER STATES.

7. ALSO IN MARCH 11 PLENARY, UK REP BRIEFLY SET RECORD STRAIGHT ON STATUS OF UK RATIFICATION OF BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION, NOTING THAT ALL INTERNAL ACTIONS HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND THREE DEPOSITARIES WERE CONFERRING ON EARLY DATE FOR DEPOSIT OF INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION WHICH WOULD BRING CONVENTION INTO FORCE. JAPANESE REP MODIFIED HIS SPEECH TEXT TO WELCOME THIS DEVELOPMENT.

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